

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Watermelons Have

Really Made

Hope Famous

Floyd Crank, assistant postmaster, is showing folks a clipping from the Washington Evening Star which pictures a 139-pound watermelon that he had sent to his son, Kenneth W. Crank, who now lives in the national capital.

The Star reports that young Crank treated 30 guests with the big melon from Hope.

It goes without saying that giant watermelons have made Hope truly famous. At one time or another other have shipped a big one to relatives or business friends in distant sections of the country—and the giant's arrival is invariably heralded by the press with due acclaim.

Sometimes you hear a local carping critic voice the plaint that he wishes we were noted for something more year-round profitable than the highly seasonal watermelon—but fame of any sort is all right. I believe, for instance, watermelons alone have made Hope better known than any city its size in America.

As a young man I recall memorizing the name "Muncie, Ind." for no more reason than that a college band toured the whole nation with a sign emblazoned "Muncie Ramblers," or something like that.

Well, watermelons have a more durable fame than college bands, for one.

By JAMES THRASHER

Propaganda May Be Needed, But Newsmen Should Beware

During the American government reached radio listeners in friendly and enemy countries through two principal agencies, the Office of War Information and the Office of Strategic Services.

The over-simplified explanation used by the OSS was "white propaganda," while the OSS put out "black propaganda."

After Japan's surrender the question of continuing these official broadcasts was the subject of some heated debate. America had never gone in for peace-time propaganda on a regular, systematic basis. The very idea was repugnant to a lot of citizens. Yet it was clear soon after V-J Day that the Soviet-American wartime alliance was not dead, and the government decided on the "Voice of America" broadcasts.

After making this decision the government found itself in something of a quandary. The goal and tradition of American journalism is a truthful presentation of information. Opinion was labeled as such, but straight news was just what it is advertised to be—fact collected and reported as honestly as human fallibility would allow.

It is this conception of a free and honest press that the United States was trying to sell to the world. At the same time our international broadcasts of unvarnished fact would be aimed at listeners who were not used to honest journalism.

These listeners in the Soviet empire were the people whom the American government was most anxious to reach. The "Voice of America" was launched in the face of some tremendous odds.

Few Russians had radios, and fewer still had sets which would bring in short-wave broadcasts. The American broadcasters had to broadcast the signal over vast distances, subject to natural and man-made interference. Further, the "Voice of America" had to contend with a discouraging state of mind. Russian listeners, brought up on propaganda rather than on news, would naturally receive any official American news as counter-propaganda.

The early tribulations of the "Voice" are well known. The chief trouble was that the "Voice" had to keep its programs factual and still meet the competition of a government that lies and distorts deliberately as a matter of policy and philosophy.

It is not surprising, then, to read a report in the New York Times that our State Department has decided to fight fire with fire. The department, says that newspaper, "is no longer reluctant to associate itself with a commonly accepted program of propaganda."

The program deliberately aimed at creating an effect in the minds of a given group for a specific reason.

To this end the "Voice" is being revamped. New staff members include several able and veteran newspapermen with long European experience. It apparently will be their job, while still giving the fact, to present American action and policy in the most favorable light possible.

The State Department also seems to be hoping that the commercial networks will reconsider their decision to end their collaboration with the United Press and Associated Press will again make their services available to the "Voice," as they did to the OWI in wartime.

The press services and the networks in our country are wise to stay clear. Out-and-out propaganda may be right and necessary at this time. At the same time, America's enviable tradition of a free and honest press should be maintained, and efforts to provide a broader adoption of that tradition by other countries should be continued.

In the interest of doing those highly important jobs, the private information media can probably serve their country best by holding to their present position.

Propaganda Banned in Indo-China

Saigon, Indo-China — (AP) — A long list of Communist publications has recently been banned by the French authorities. Included are Communist propaganda pamphlets printed in Russian and Chinese in the English or Chinese languages, the works of the principal Marxist theoreticians, biographies of Communist leaders, recent speeches by the heads of the Soviet government and Chinese Communist newspapers.

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France Again Plunged Into Political Crisis

Paris, Aug. 28 — (AP) — The month-old government of Premier Andre Marie resigned early today over the issue of wages and prices which had plagued the coalition cabinet since its inception.

The toppling of the government, the 11th postwar French cabinet, plunged France into what may be one of its gravest political crises. Marie had been in office since July 27.

President Vincent Auriol hurriedly called in various political leaders, but then postponed the search for Marie's successor until later in the day.

The political instability of one of the four nations participating in the Moscow talks was a starkly as France was left technically without a foreign minister. Former Premier Robert Schuman will, however, continue to fulfill the duties of foreign minister until a new cabinet is formed.

Schuman and Finance Minister Paul Reynaud conferred with Auriol early today.

The cabinet resignation came shortly after 1 a. m. Paris time. After an unsuccessful two-day struggle to draft wage and price reforms.

Finance Minister Reynaud was given the wide powers after making some concessions to the Socialists.

The five-day cabinet discussions concerned Reynaud's plan for politically dangerous increases in the prices of such products as milk, bread, flour and tobacco.

Former Veterans Affairs Minister Andre Mossolli said the crucial point of the disagreement which brought about the cabinet's resignation concerned the amount of wage increases to be allowed to compensate for price rises.

The cabinet had agreed to raises of 10 per cent wages, which still are controlled by the government.

The Socialists, worried about the reaction among their restless labor following, wanted an immediate salary increase of from 15 to 16 per cent.

No compromise was reached. Mossolli said, although a general accord has been agreed on for freeing all wages from state control as of Jan. 1, 1949.

At this juncture, a dilemma of French politicians, the figure of Gen. Charles De Gaulle loomed large on the horizon. He and his followers in the Rally of the French People (RPF) there, expected to exert their pressure for dissolution of the legislature and new elections.

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Soldier Held on Charge of Rape and Sodomy

Leavenworth, Kas., Aug. 28 — Sgt. Albert W. Jones, Jr., 22, soldier stationed at Fort Leavenworth, was held in the county jail today awaiting a hearing Sept. 3 on charges of rape, sodomy and attempted sodomy.

County Attorney John H. Murray said the charges were filed on the basis of evidence given by a seven-year-old girl, Murray said the girl allegedly was attacked Aug. 13 while alone at her family's residence in a downtown hotel.

Military records at Fort Leavenworth listed Hot Springs, Ark., as Jones' home.

Death From U. S. Heat Wave Mounts to 100

By United Press

The number of deaths attributable to the heat wave rose toward 100 today and the weather man still offered no hope of relief from the blanket of scorching air covering the eastern half of the nation.

The heat wave had killed 63 persons died as result of the heat 18 by drowning and the remainder from sun stroke, heat prostration and heart attacks induced by the warm temperatures.

Michigan led the list with 15 deaths, including six drowning. Illinois was next with 16 deaths.

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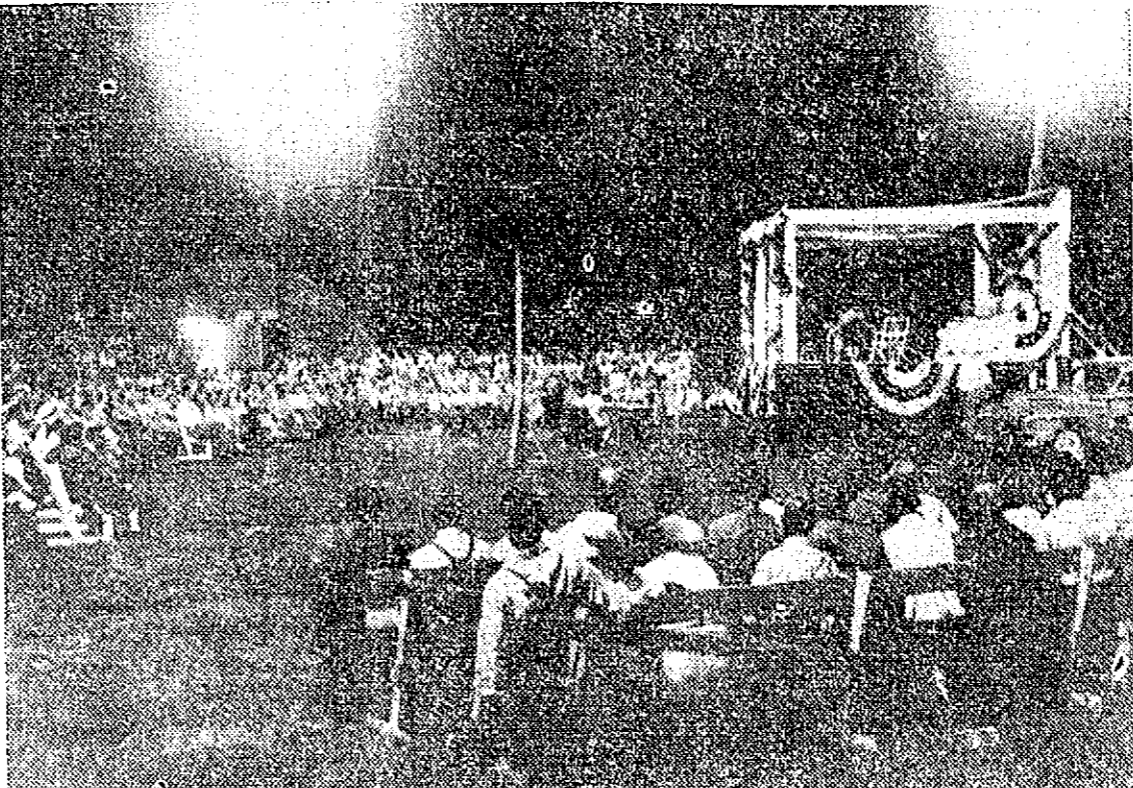
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Thurmond Bids for Arkansas Vote



Governor J. Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina asked the people of Marianna, Arkansas, to vote for him for President on the States Rights ticket. The fifty Negroes that attended found a special place for them, foreground, close to the stage, but well isolated from the white section.

Candidates Plan to Tour West Coast

By JAMES F. DONOVAN

United Press Staff Correspondent

President Truman and his Republican rival, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, plan campaign trips into the Western states around the end of September, it was reported today.

Gov. Rex T. Turner of Oklahoma, president of the Truman-Barkeley club, said Mr. Truman would visit his state between Sept. 28 and Oct. 3. He said the visit would be part of a general Truman swing through the South, Southwest and West.

Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath said that, for that matter, the president intended to carry his campaign into "every section of the country." It is possible, he said, that Mr. Truman would be "a very busy man" after mid-September.

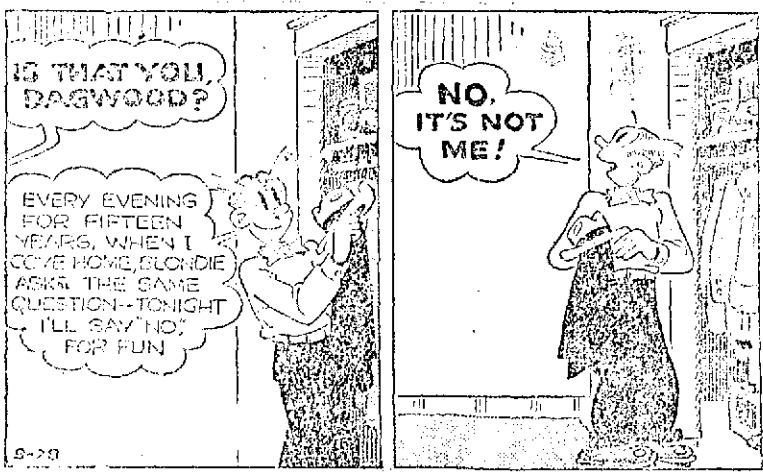
Exact details on Mr. Truman's Western trip are unknown, but it was reported in Republican circles that his candidate, Dewey, will leave Albany on Sept. 20 for a trip by train to the West Coast and back.

Mr. Truman will formally open his campaign on Labor Day with a political speech to an AFL-CIO rally in Detroit. He will also make short talks during the day at Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint and Pontiac, Mich.

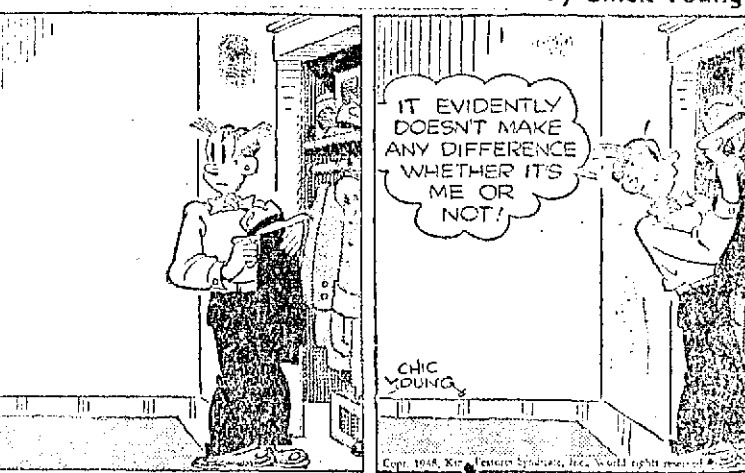
McGrath said that the president's Detroit speech will be broadcast nationally (NBC), and that it will be piped to labor rallies throughout the country. The broadcast will be sponsored by Turner's Truman-Barkeley club.

The trip will be a combination of a political and a business tour. The line is not in use but can be put to use elsewhere in the city or sold. It is estimated that the line will avoid \$40,000 and the machine cost a mere \$10,500. To dig up the line with manpower would be too costly.

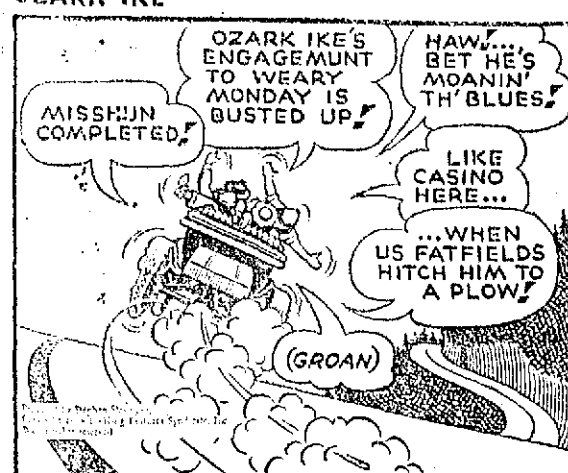
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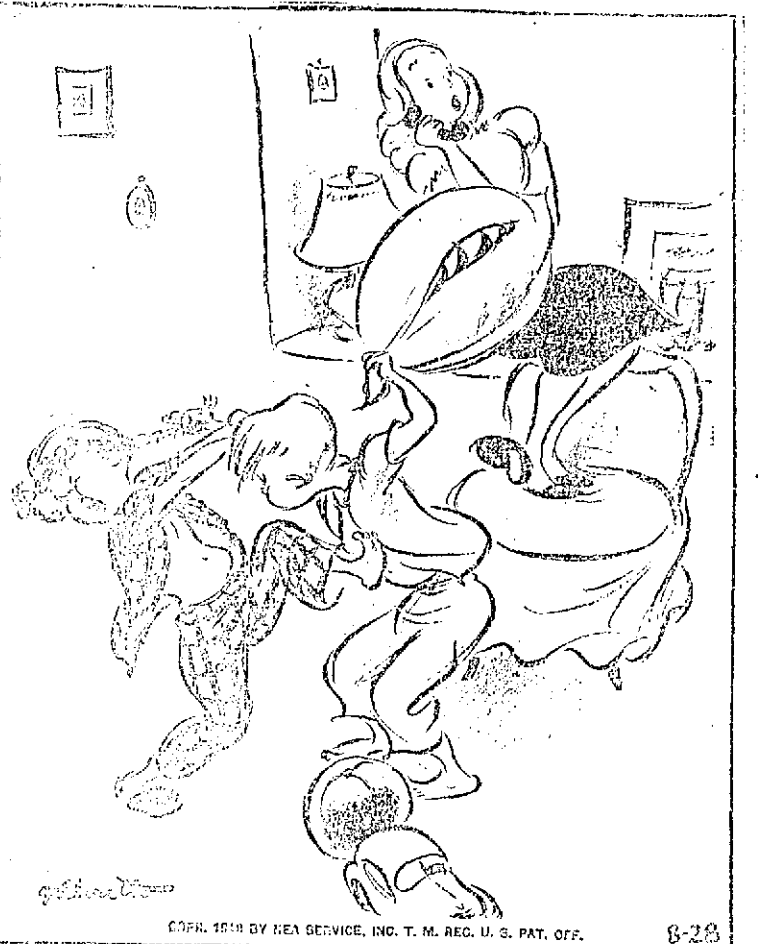
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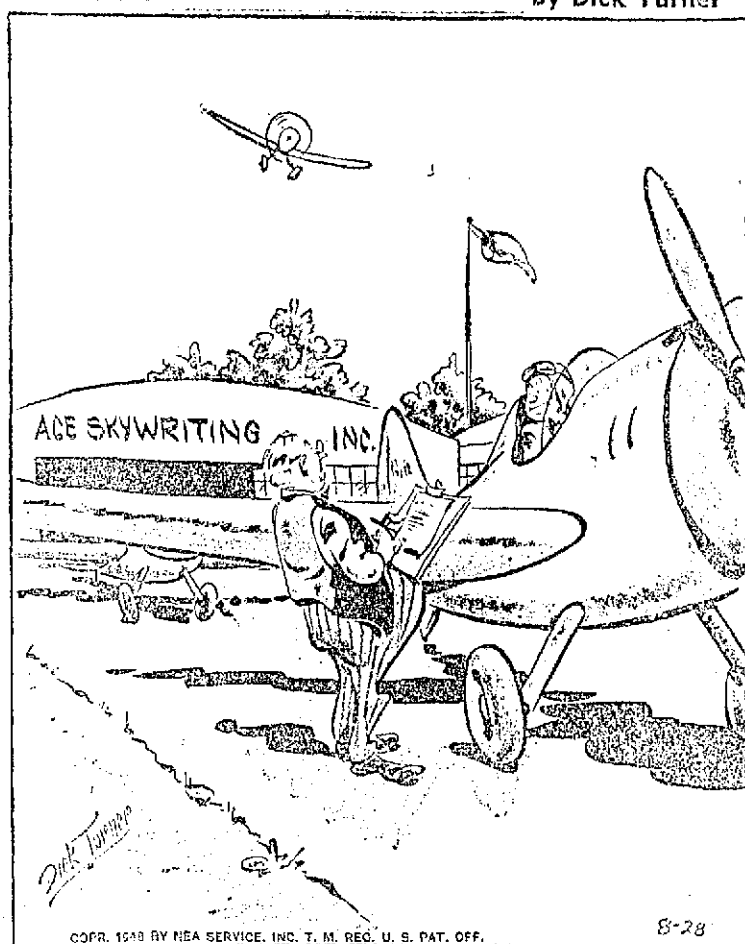
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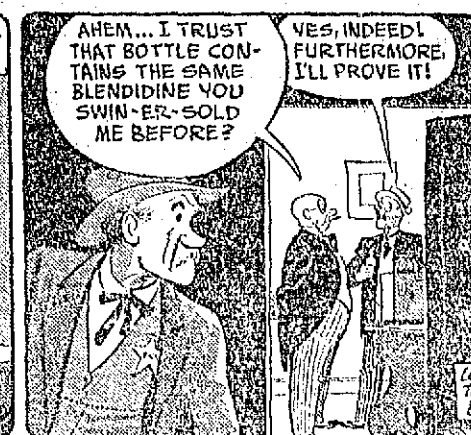
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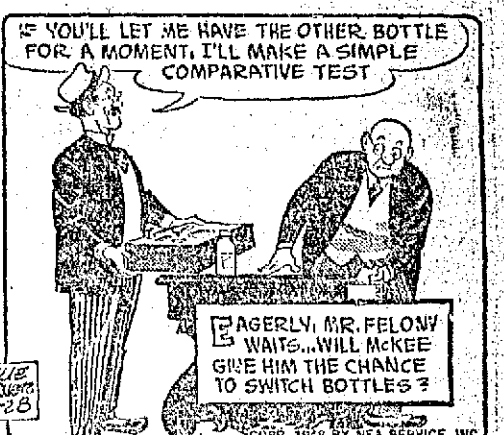
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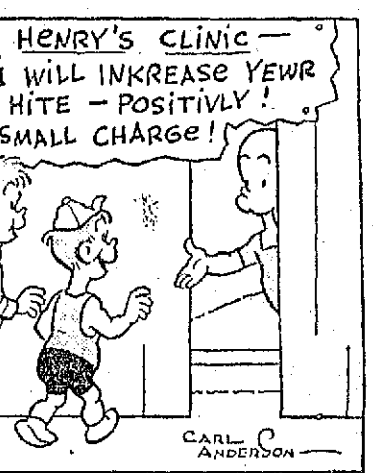
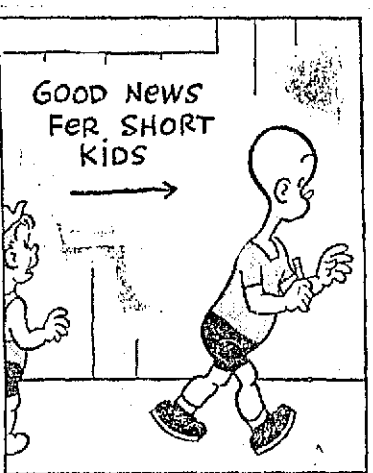
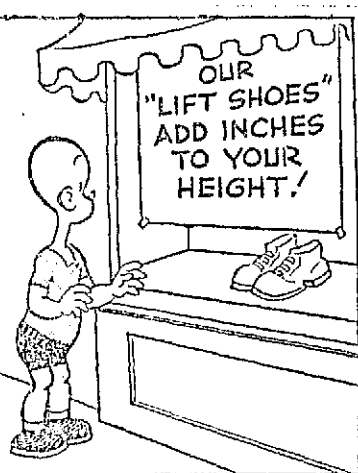
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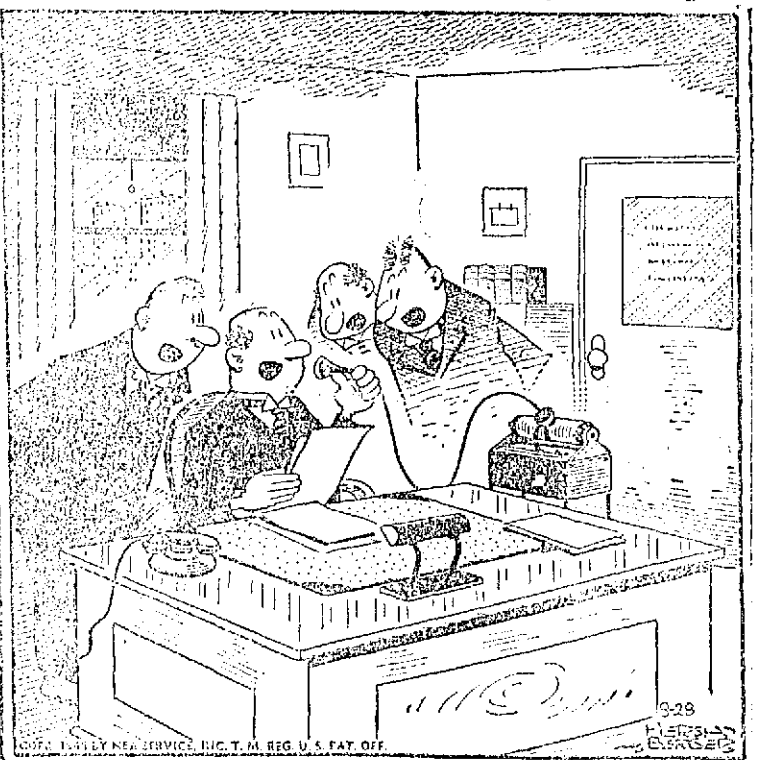
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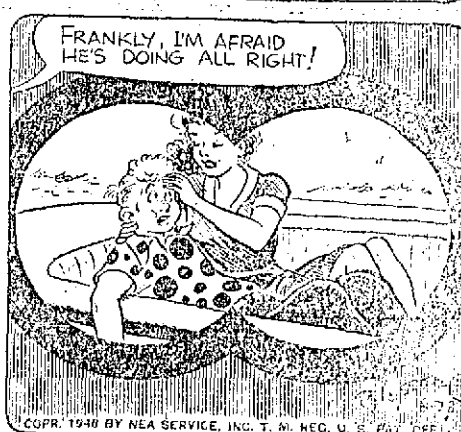
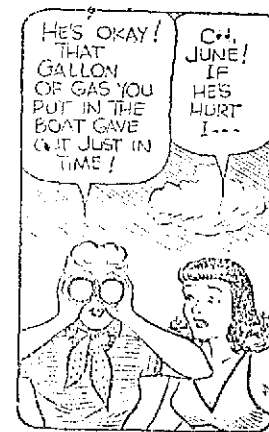
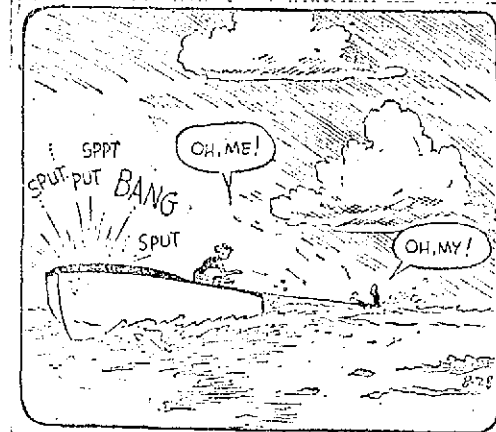
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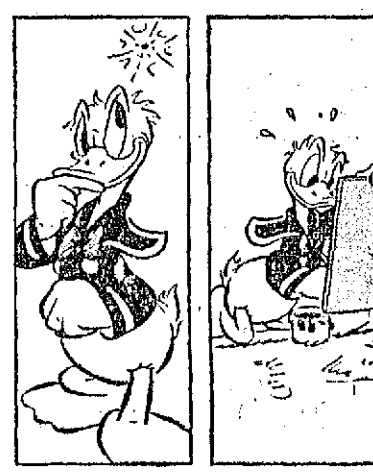
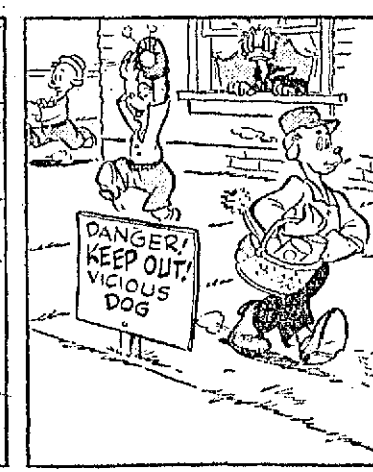


FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser

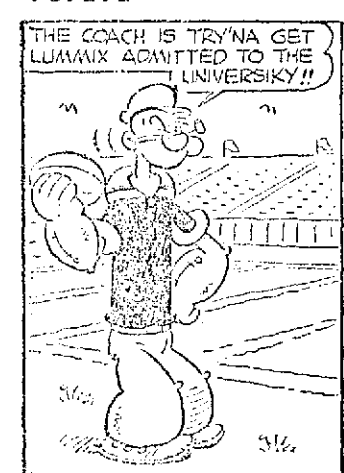


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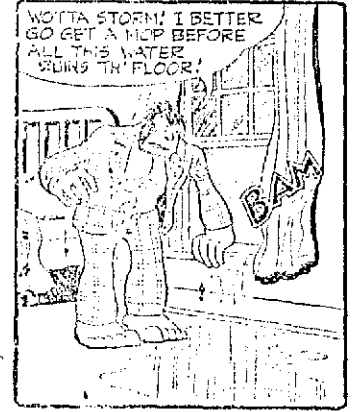
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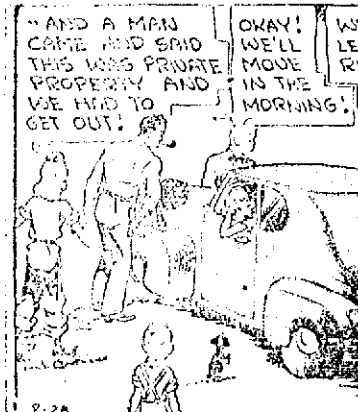


OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



BOOTS



By Edgar Martin

RED RYDER



By Fred Harman

